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House Resolution No. 288

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize the outstanding organizations and individuals who have contributed materially to the well-being of the citizens of this great state; and

**Whereas**, Albert "Al" Abbadessa has attained considerable distinction as the owner of The Pear Tree restaurant, in Bevier, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, after founding The Pear Tree twenty years ago, Al Abbadessa will be inducted into the Missouri Restaurant Association Hall of Fame on January 28, 2007, at a formal ceremony during the organization's inaugural dinner at the University Club on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus; and

**Whereas**, one of only two restaurateurs named to the Hall of Fame in 2007, Al Abbadessa entered the restaurant business fifty years ago; and

**Whereas**, Al Abbadessa has developed The Pear Tree into a "special occasion" destination known for exemplary service, an inviting ambiance, and some of the finest beef and seafood dishes in the state; and

**Whereas**, Albert Abbadessa is a loving family man who has been married to his beloved wife for more than fifty years and whose youngest of five children is now the managing partner of The Pear Tree; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Restaurant Association is the largest hospitality trade association in the state and serves more than 4,000 members through seven local affiliate chapters:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to congratulate and applaud Albert Abbadessa as a restaurateur Association Hall of Fame in 2007; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Albert Abbadessa, of Bevier, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Shively  
District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 288, adopted January 25, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker